



Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

*Meeting Minute
June 24, 2008*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:07pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chuck Metcalf, *Valerie King, Gene Propper, Tom Reynolds, Jim Blouin, Mike Housman (PARC Coordinator)*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mike Stafford presented the Weare Athletic Club (WAC) concession/storage facility proposal (see handout). The proposed location is near the midway point of the soccer fields (slightly toward parking area) on the same side of the field as the playground. The current plan is to have a roof over the concession deck (to shield patrons from rain) and to place the building above ground (on pillars) with a ramp leading to the deck. The structure will include an area for future bathrooms, but it won't be walled in or plumbed at this time.
- PARC is in favor of the WAC proposal and will make its recommendation to BOS. The John Stark Generals Football Association (JSGFA) has also submitted a similar plan for a structure at the football field. The request went before BOS a few weeks ago. PARC suggested WAC consult with JSGFA (Tony Sawyer, President) to ensure structures are made similar in construction and work together to obtain BOS approval of both structures (BOS makes the final decision as to whether to accept these structures on behalf of the town.) WAC's next step will be to meet with BOS to ask for a public hearing on the proposal.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- The June 10th minutes contained an error. Under the Coordinator's Report (page 3), it should read "Hopkinton" not "Henniker".

Chuck moved to accept the minutes with correction (noted above). Gene seconded the motion. All approved.

BUDGET:

- Very little change since the last meeting. Only a few new bills.

CHASE PARK:

- Jim has called for swim lesson dates, but hasn't been able to reach the instructor. Jim will post the dates on Channel 6 as soon as he has them. She is expected to teach 3 days per week for 2 weeks.
- It appears that someone is unlocking the bathrooms and using them after hours. Workers have arrived in the morning to find un-flushed toilets and a general mess in the bathrooms ("a chore to clean".) Mike will contact Goffstown Lock and Key to get an estimate on cost for new locks and recommendations on how best to resolve this

- problem (will “do not duplicate” keys help?) Mike will e-mail PARC members with information.
- Police were recently called to the park and apprehended individuals who were throwing picnic tables into the lake. The police made the culprits return the picnic tables to their proper location.
 - Individual seeking exceptions to the Parks policy for issuing resident stickers will be asked to submit a written request/explanation and documentation of residency. PARC will review and consider approval on a case by case basis.
 - A town resident who does not own a car and is using his (out of town) parent’s car would like a resident season pass. This was considered a reasonable request and the resident will be asked to make a written request (per above instructions).
 - A “nanny” who lives out of town but who is caring for children living in town has requested a resident season pass. There were concerns that granting requests like this could lead to abuse if made available to others in similar situations. A sticker will not be issued in this or similar situations.
 - Drinking water for workers-Kathy is refilling jugs from her home tap. Question asked as to who would be liable if someone were to get sick. Mike will look into the option and cost of purchasing pre-filled jugs for the gatehouse.

PARC COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

- Message left for the Fire Chief regarding coordinating the branch trimming project.
- Three new trash barrels were purchased for Chase Park.
- Spoke with the hot dog vendor regarding how many parking spaces the vendor will require. The trailer detaches and will be placed on the lawn, so only one space will be required for her vehicle.
- Ineson has been cleaned up, but Mike was unable to move the big stuff. He also spoke to Brian McDonald (WAC) regarding the carry-in/carry-out policy. Would like to post signs to this effect at the fields. Mike will order 2 signs (via Naomi Bolton) and look into adding “Pick up after your pet” to the signs (per PARC member suggestion).
- Called and left a message with Vermont Tennis. No response yet.
- Playground parts (bubble) are in. Mike will work with Tom to get bubble in place and tarps up (the weather needs to be warm and dry to put up tarps.)
- Next Seniors event is a lunch scheduled for July 15th at Chase Park. Mike will ask Dot if they need any funds for food and drinks for this event. Plan to discuss at next meeting.
- Mike will talk to Carl (Highway Dept) about getting about a yard of “material” to fill the sink holes at the Gazebo area. Mike will also ask Carl about removing and storing the broken bench in this area. Gene will look into having the bench repaired.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

- Bolton lights-When is the last date we will be billed for this? Thought to be June. Tom will look into it.
- Fournier took a look at the irrigation/reprogramming problem. Appears to be fixed. No more phantom waterings as of late.

- Fertilizer-are we going to do the next scheduled treatment (due in July)? Four treatments per year are recommended (September, November, May and July). The July treatment was considered an important one given upcoming usage.

Val moved to have all of the fields and gazebo area fertilized with the summer application at a cost of up to \$1,500. Tom seconded the motion.

- Burned out light at Chase Park. Mike will identify which pole it is and contact PSNH with pole number to have it repaired.
- Beach erosion-is more sand needed? Will we need a permit? Last load gotten from Carl (Highway Dept) and it was a bit coarse. Do we want to find another source? PARC members were asked to go take a look to see what is needed before making any decisions.
- Sod at Chase Park-one section is falling/eroding into the water. What can we do to prevent this? Possibly plant rose bushes to hold bank in place and keep people from walking in this area. Val will look into cost of roses thru DRED.
- Usage Requests
 - -Mike Manna from JSRHS Soccer would like to use Ineson Field July 1st, 8th and 10th from 5-8pm. There are no other conflicts. Request has PARC approval.
 - Mary Dahlberg has requested the use of any field (Ineson preferred) for adult softball team games. They will need the fields on Mondays from 6-8pm from June 28-August 25. Request has PARC approval.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:03pm

NEXT MEETING

July 8, 2008